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## Editorials

Opinions of Great Papers on Important Subjects.

### SMASH-UPS IN THE SMART SET.

**T**O get in the "smart set" and follow the horses and hounds, one must have money, and plenty of it. To have money, one must get it. There are many different ways of getting it. The straight, broad way is that of speculation, gambling and similar methods. In nine cases out of ten the straight, broad way leads to bankruptcy. Sometimes much further. Chicago has recently witnessed more than the usual number of smash-ups in the "smart set." The latest is the failure of W. W. Tracy, broker and society favorite. Mr. Tracy has failed for more than a million. In Chicago and New York the Tracys have been admitted social leaders. They followed the hounds over the fashionable Onwensville course and occupied the most conspicuous boxes at the horse shows. Now the house of Tracy is bankrupt. Society grieves.

But this is not the only loss the "smart set" has recently suffered. There are the John Dickinsons and the Sidney C. Loves and the Vernon Booths, the last named being "Master of the Hounds" and a shining light in the temple of the socially elect. The Dickinsons, the Loves and the Booths went the pace, and the pace ended in the receiver's office and before the bankrupt court. Last, but not least, there was Broder Rosen, who whose latterly career in the ranks of the "smart set" ended where prison shadows lie. No wonder Society grieves and refuses to be comforted. Who will be the next victim of the social juggernaut? The hounds are running at their leashes and the polo ponies are stamping and frothing in their stalls. It takes barrels of money to be in the "smart set" and play the game who will be the next victim?—Chicago Dispatch.

### IS THE WHEAT ADVANCE LASTING?

**T**HE census of 1907 says James J. Hill, will show that we have a population of 30,000,000, which will mean that we will require for our own use about 20,000,000 bushels of wheat hereafter. We raise now about 25,000,000 bushels of wheat in the United States annually under good crop conditions. This will leave us but 5,000,000 bushels as a surplus for export, while in the past we have exported upward of 120,000,000 bushels annually. So everybody can see that we will soon need all our wheat for our own people.

Possibly this forecast is correct, and therefore high prices for wheat will be the rule hereafter. On the face of the figures the outlook for any large surplus of wheat again is not bright. The wheat crop of 1908 was 875,000,000 bushels, while that of 1909 was about 670,000,000. In the ten years in which the population of the country increased about 21 per cent the wheat yield remained stationary, although twice within the decade—in 1901 and 1906—the wheat crop crossed the 1,000,000,000 bushel mark. Corn and oats have made a better

showing in the decade than wheat in regard to increase, but the gain in each of these cereals has been comparatively slight.

But there may be some relief near at hand which Mr. Hill overlooks. All the European producing countries raise more wheat to the acre than we do, and on poorer lands. The high prices will offer a powerful inducement to our wheat growers to adopt some of the methods of their counterparts across the water. The waste of our grain-growing lands are discredited to our farmers, as well as unprofitable, and the campaign of education which the high prices has set on foot ought to bring results which will tell in the crop yield of the near future. In aggregate wheat production the United States has still a lead over every other country, but it is not as long as formerly. Russia, France, Italy, Argentina, Austria-Hungary, Germany, Spain and Canada are large wheat growers, but only Russia, Argentina and Canada and one or two others of those countries are exporters of wheat. When the day approaches that we can no longer supply our home needs the duty on wheat will be removed, and it may be removed long before that time. Probably the low prices of a dozen years ago for wheat will not return again for the United States.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

### WHEN MARRIAGE IS JUSTIFIABLE.

**T**HE increase of population comes largely from those who live in modest circumstances, on daily wages. Many of them accumulate something, on the average, more of them accumulate than those who spend so much for social appearances. But the unfortunate thing is that so many young persons marry with little or nothing and with the most hazy prospects in life. The young man should marry when he has accumulated a little and has good prospects. The girl should marry only when she is willing to live well within her husband's income and help him to save. A man is made or lost according to the temperament of his wife. Philadelphia Inquirer.

### EXTRAVAGANCE IN WOMEN'S DRESSING.

**I**T is, of course, easy enough for a woman with ample means, who believes that "it is bad form to wear a gown twice in one place," who bows to Dame Fashion's decrees that she must change her costumes three times a day and spend \$40,000 a year on her apparel. But the women who make a lasting impress upon the world—in the arts and in literature—the women who give distinction to society—in the best sense of that term, the women who have the most elevating influence—mainly their sway and dress properly without spending a fortune every year on their wardrobes.—Baltimore Sun.

### The Common Need.

Unless one has traveled the arid regions, one has no idea how good water really is, declares Mr. William T. Horn, away in "Camp Pines on Desert and Lava." He explains further that he does not mean Apollinaria, but just plain, old-fashioned, well, or "water hole," or desert "tank" water, as the case may be. This appreciation of water made the parts, sympathetically in regard to the fate of certain well-ford which appeared at the "tank" near which a night's camp had been established.

Just at sunset, when our little lone some world was settling down for the night, some one excitedly announced a discovery.

"There are two ducks in the tank!" Some one else quickly brought up a loaded shotgun and hurried along the side of the embankment to the upper end of the water.

Secretly, I hoped that those ducks would take alarm and fly away in time. To shoot those little, lonesome birds that had flown on weary wing over a good hundred miles of waterless desert, clear down from the Gila River, seemed to me like a sin against nature. Those two individual ducks seemed entitled to our hospitality and protection.

The cot Vinton elected to preserve them. When we heard the report of the gun our spirits sank, but when the hunter, quietly returned with the two announced ducks, I missed them some one said.

"In glad of it," and to our surprise he answered, "So am I!"

### Hen Laid out at Last.

Essex County's gallantest won der, the Cedar Grove hen that laid two eggs a day, is dead. A New York Herald's Montclair, N. J., correspondent says: "The hen was a member of the poultry colony on the Adams farm, on Ridge road, between Montclair and Great Neck, and it is probable that her death will inspire a testimonial of regard for the Cedar Grove board of trade, as her wonderful qualities had been much advertised in the town."

After the chicken began laying two eggs a day, more than a year ago, the number of commuters on the Erie from Cedar Grove increased from thirty-two to sixty. The fame of the hen drew chicken raising commuters to Cedar Grove with the power of a lodestone, for where one such fowl existed it was reasonable to believe that others might be inspired to follow the example of laying more than one egg a day.

It is not known what caused the death of the phenomenal Cedar Grove hen, but it is thought that the continued high price of eggs, despite her efforts to create a surplus in the market, caused a disappointment that broke her heart.

No man seems to be sensible except in an occasional spot.

### TALK RICH OUT OF RICHES.

Critic traces criticism as most effective weapon of the poor.

Everything today depends upon talking. It is futile to sentimentalize about the vanity of such on the solidity of action. The poor Charlie. There is no action that we can profitably perform toward a millionaire, except straining him. If we can, at every afternoon tea or society dinner, say everything that is calculated to make the wealthy people present feel very uncomfortable, we shall have done all that is immediately practicable and shall not have lived in vain. G. K. Chesterton says in Hampton's Magazine.

"Thus, if I were an American, I should turn off every conversation until it came into collision with the subject of the trusts. If a young lady began speaking to me and said, 'I have seen the Velasquez at Vienna?' I should reply (truthfully) 'Oh, yes—magnificent when he worked in oils—which reminds me that this oil trust'—and so on. If the hostess said with a smile, 'Will you carve the duck?' I should answer with unrepentant enthusiasm, 'Oh, I am quite at home with the cold duck. In fact, the steel trust, etc.' And if at last people began not to want me at dinner parties, and timid conversationalists fell back on the weather, I should cry, 'Have they yet started a sun trust, a wind trust, or a sea trust? That seems to me much healthier than—' But you quite understand."

After I had done this for a year or two, even the trusts, though as their name implies, full of innocent confidence, might have begun to suspect me.

There is indeed another reason why we must to a great extent rely (for the present) on speech rather than action in our dealings with the monstrosities of modern wealth. Unless our action is mere yinching (and I would never deny that there is something to be said for that), instead of what one calls political, it will not be action against the very rich, but in their favor. They hold all the handles of the political machine; and for the purpose of any prompt action they have only to move the handles. That the poor could conquer the rich at last I believe, because I believe in God—and also in man. But that the rich could conquer the poor by 8:30 tomorrow evening I am quite certain. The whole press would follow the same tune over a million breakfast tables.

The servants of the rich would have run a million errands, the solicitors and agents of the rich would have struck a million bargains, before the ordinary stonebreaker had even found his pickax. The poor are sure—but slow.

Add to this that worst and wildest work of modern science (more blasphemous than its denial of God)—its invention of scientific war. The sergeant would obey the sergeant, and the democracy would be dead about the streets before soldier, sergeant or captain had realized that they were all obeying a swollen and cynical pack broker.

### Wit of the Youngsters.

Little Ethel (aged 3): "Turn on gasman, supper is ready. Grandma, why dear, you mean breakfast, don't you?" Little Ethel: "Is course I do, but I can't say it."

Little Myra had been to parties on these consecutive days. "Oh mamma," she cried on her return from the third, "just think I've had ice cream three times in succession!"

Anxious Mother: Harold, don't you know those are bad boys across the street for you to play with? Little Harold: Yes, mamma, but don't you know that I'm an awfully good boy for them to play with?

Well, Bobby, said the mother who was making a duck call, what do you intend to be when you grow up? "An orphan," promptly replied Bobby, who was still suffering from a dose of parental discipline.

### A Successful Expedition.

A certain prominent minister was compelled not long ago to give strict orders that while he was engaged to the preparation of his sermon, his young son must be kept reasonably quiet. In spite of this, however, there arose one morning a most astonishing noise of banging and hammering, which seemed to indicate that the steam-heating pipes were being knocked to pieces. Hurrying out of his study, the minister encountered his wife.

"My dear, what in the world is Bobby doing?" he asked.

"Why, he is only beating on the radiator downstairs," was the somewhat surprised reply.

"Well, he must stop it," the minister said, decidedly.

"I don't think he will harm it, dear," his wife answered soothingly; "and it is the only thing that will keep him quiet."—Harper's Weekly.

### Shrewd Scheme.

Traveler in Parlor Car—Porter, that man in front will give you a quarter for dusting him off, won't he? Porter—Yes, sir!

"Well, I'll give you half a dollar to leave the dust on him and not brush it off onto me!"—Somerville Journal.

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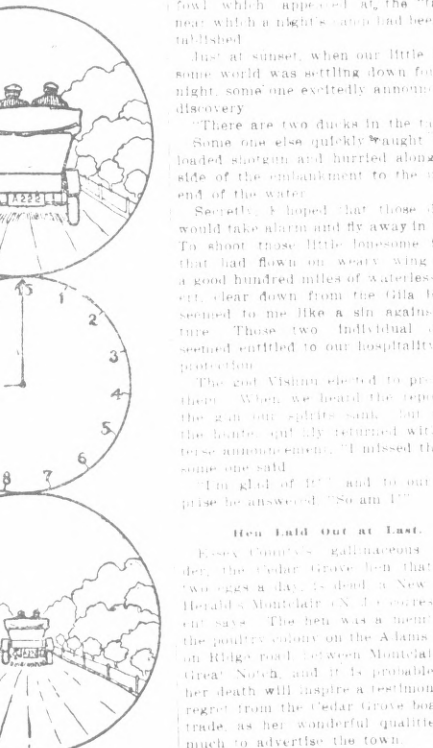
### TO TRAP AUTO SPEEDERS

In its crusade against automobile speeders, and "joy riders" in particular, the National Highways Protective Society has resorted to a new invention, which is as terrible to malefactors of the road as the Bertillon system and the telegraph are to ordinary criminals. The invention, as being tried out at the present time, or rather, as its first fruits are being preserved in secrecy, so that a sudden and overwhelming exhibition of its scope may be given in the near future. With out warning some fine day a number of speeders, who have seen no speed traps nor been molested by watch-carrying cops, will be halted to count the seconds of their lawbreaking. It will make no difference whether the offense was committed in a lonely road, in the outskirts or in a crowded street. There will be no chance to dispute the testimony on the part of the accused, for the accused will be something mechanically and mathematically infallible. The defendant will not be able to get the benefit of the doubt for there will be no doubt within a fraction of a foot and a fifteenth of a second.

Perhaps it is cruelty to inform speeders of the sword of Damocles hanging over them. It is certain they cannot profit even by a detailed description of the ingenious machine which will be their undoing. They may hope to escape only by mending their ways. The deadly invention used by agents of the National Highways Protective Society consists of a double lens camera, fitted with a split-second chronometer. The lenses are of equal focal length, one placed above the other. The transparent face of the chronometer is between. The operator does not alarm his prey by exposing the camera for a front or side view picture. He waits until the whizzing machine has passed, presenting its back and the vulnerable and important number board. Then he presses the bulb, which opens the shutter of the upper lens and starts the chronometer going, with a second hand covering 15 divisions of a circle. Almost immediately the operator presses the bulb again, and this time the shutter of the lower lens opens and the chronometer is simultaneously halted. It takes no expert to make these two snaps at the back of a speeding car. Whether the time between the two exposures is a small fraction of a second or a full second is immaterial.

When the plate is developed it shows a large image on the space exposed by the upper lens, when the car was close by, and a smaller image on the space exposed by the lower lens, while the second hand of the chronometer is pictured as it started on the dial and as it stopped. The difference in size between the two

images corresponds to a mathematically accurate distance in feet between the first and second positions of the automobile. A table has been worked out on this basis, both experimentally and with the aid of trigonometry. If, for example, the second image is one third as large as the first, the automobile must have been 50 feet further from the lens. Suppose the ascertained distance to be 58.25 feet, while



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the chronometer registers a full second, the time the speed of the automobile is proved to be 40 miles an hour. A magistrate or jury can study pictures and negatives and be convinced of the accuracy of the method. The number of the car is there to clinch the case. New York Tribune.

### An Outburst.

Burglar: Sorry, madam, but I want your money.

Spinster (furlously): You are just like all the men, it's only my money you want!—Modern Society.

When a man begins to tell you a long story, a good way is to say, "I've heard it."



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